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WORLD BANK REPORT ON WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has released a draft report on `India`s Water Supply and Sanitation` in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the recommendations made therein; and

(c) the action taken/to be taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) The World Bank has published a report `India - Water Supply and Sanitation - Bridging the Gap Between Infrastructure and Service`.

(b) The recommendations relate to improving reliability, achieving financial and environmental stability, improving affordability of water and sanitation services and building capacity among the key stakeholders.

(c) Drinking water supply and sanitation are State subjects. The Government of India assists the States financially and technically through its Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) under the Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP). Rural drinking water is also one of the components of Bharat Nirman, which envisages providing safe drinking water facilities to all rural habitations. Sectoral allocations to rural drinking water and sanitation have been enhanced by the Center during the last three years for improving the accessibility and delivery of the services.